

Wednesday 2 Man Best Ball League Rules

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Commissioners Note:

This is a fun league and while it is a competition, let us not forget that golf is a gentlemen's game and we should play our matches in that spirit. The league commissioner is an agent of the NMGC board and rules on all grievances. Commissioner rulings can be appealed to the NMGC board of directors who have the final say.

Membership:

- **All participants:** (players and substitutes) in the Wednesday 2 Man Best Ball League must be a Nemadji Men's Club Member. This requires purchase of a Nemadji Men's Club membership card. Any non-members participating will result in the forfeiture of all points for that match.
- **All teams:** participating in the Wednesday 2 Man Best Ball League must be a paid member of the league (\$40 per team).
 - **Returning teams:** Teams will be considered returning unless they contact the commissioner prior to the first meeting. Returning teams are still required to submit registration and payment prior.
 - **New team requests:** Teams are considered on a first come, first serve basis, not to exceed our league team maximum in each division. Teams are added to the list once they have notified the commissioner. Teams are not admitted until the first spring meeting by the league.
- **Divisions:** League is split into two divisions Division 1 (D1) and Division 2 (D2) with both divisions meeting in the playoffs. Division membership is set to a maximum of 16 teams per league to accommodate league play completion during the evening. Odd number of teams are avoided for the equity of all members.

Voting:

Changes to our league operations will be voted on by the league captains. Majority vote will determine the outcome of the proposed change. All other decisions will be made by the league commissioner.

Schedule:

- **Dates:** League play usually begins the third Wednesday in May (e.g. May 17th, 2023) and regular season concludes the third Wednesday in August. Playoffs usually begin the last Wednesday in August and conclude playoffs the third or fourth Wednesday in September.
- **Start Time:** League play begins at 4:30 p.m. each Wednesday and increments play every 10 minutes.
- **Rainouts/Cancellations:** Rainouts/Cancellations will be determined by 3:30 PM and the decision is made with the consideration/recommendation of the golf course. Captains will be notified via SMS communication. Other communications may follow through email, website, and/or social media as time permits. It is not always feasible to notify all channels with last minute decisions. If play is cancelled by 3:30, no matches will be played. In the event of a rainout/cancellation, no league play will be recorded for equity purposes. That week will result in no points for everyone. The commissioner will make an attempt to reschedule if there is a Wednesday available, otherwise that night will not be made up.

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- **No Shows:** In case a team is a no show, 7 points will be awarded to the team that shows and 4 points will be subtracted from the no show team's point total. A team will be on probation after one no show. If a team no shows for a second time, that team will be **removed from the league**. Points will be adjusted as follows: all teams that have played the team removed will receive 7 points for those matches played. A captains meeting will be called to find another team to replace the removed team.
- **Tee Times:** Check schedule and be on time for posted tee time. Tee times may only be changed with the coordination and agreement of each team captain. If a player/team misses the tee time, the other players MUST start at the scheduled time unless they are able to coordinate and agree upon with the other team captain and are able to make arrangements of a different tee time. Teams are not allowed to play without a formal tee time from the course. If a player will be late, the late player/team may join in and play for any match points remaining, but his team will automatically lose the two points for low net.
- **Course:** League play will alternate courses (N/S, E/W) for D1 and D2 each week. This may change based on the direction Nemadji Golf Course provides our league.

Communication:

Communication will occur directly to league captains for dissemination of information. Other communication will be sent via SMS, Email, Website, and Social Media. Please follow all channels of communication for guidance.

- **Email**
- **Phone**
- **Website:** <https://nemadjimensclub.com/>
- **Social Media:** <https://www.facebook.com/nemadjimensclub>

Handicaps:

A course handicap takes the handicap index and applies it to the course and teebox selected. It is used for competition, like golf league or a golf tournament. Course Handicaps vary by tee box. To calculate your Handicap Index, your 8 best Score Differentials from your most recent 20 scores are averaged, and additional safeguards are included. Each player will have a handicap based upon his performance in the Wednesday 2 Man Best Ball league. If a player does not have a handicap on the first night of league play, their handicap will be determined by taking the total strokes over par (adjusted score) and subtracting two strokes. Example: if a person shoots a 48 and his adjusted score (nothing higher than a double bogey) is 45 (par 36) he is 9 strokes over par, and you subtract his nine 9 strokes over par by 2 and his handicap would be 7. After the first night he would then revert to his original handicap of 9. All handicaps will be frozen after the second to last night. Handicap will be an average of the low three scores of the last four rounds played in the league. If less than four rounds have been played, the high score will be discarded, and the remaining scores will be averaged.

All handicaps **must be recorded** in the USGA GHIN app. Please seek your commissioner or Nemadji Pro Shop for assistance.

- **Handicap Guide:** <https://nemadjimensclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Nemadji-Handicap-Guide-2022-V2-05.16.2022.pdf>

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- **USGA GHIN:** <https://www.ghin.com/login> or App: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/ghin-mobile/id491796218>
- <https://wsga.org/>

Handicap Errors It is *each player's responsibility to verify the handicap prior to the start of the match through the GHIN App*. Concerns can be submitted in writing to the Peer to Peer Handicap committee for review. It is the captain's responsibility to make sure that player names are spelled correctly on the team contact page. **REFERENCE: Peer to Peer Handicap Committee Policy**

Tees: Matches will be played from the blue tees (BLACK/WHITE) on your scorecard, unless you are 65 years and older and declare you are playing from the WHITE tee box before play begins.

Scoring:

- There will be 11 points per match. Each hole will be worth one point and there will be 2 points for low team net total.
- The low handicap player in the foursome will receive no strokes.
- Each of the other players will have their handicap reduced by the low handicap in the group. This will be the number of strokes received for the match.
- Each player will hole out and record his actual score shot. Each player will then subtract any handicap strokes he receives on that hole and the lowest net score will be the team score. IF the low net score is tied, each team will receive one-half point.
- After the match is completed, each player will subtract any handicap strokes received for his actual score. This net score will be added to his partner's net score and compared to their opponent's net score. The lower team total will receive the final two points.
- Score sheets will be available for recording match results in the club house or on the patio behind the clubhouse. Players will be responsible to record and attest to the scores of each match. ***Failure to record your score will result in 0 points for the week with the other team receiving the points they recorded as their points. No additional points will be recorded to the team that recorded their score.***

Rosters:

Roster changes may be made until July 4. Indicate on the score sheet if the player is an addition to the team roster. If there is no indication, the player is assumed to be a sub. All participants (players and substitutes) in the Wednesday 2 Man Best Ball League must be a Nemadji Men's Club Member. This requires purchase of a Nemadji Men's Club membership card. **Any non-members participating will result in the forfeiture of all points for that match.** (please reference Membership)

Playoffs:

- The top 8 teams from each division will advance to the playoffs. Teams not in the playoffs are encouraged to participate each week as a friendly gathering.
- A player must have played a minimum of three league rounds to be eligible to compete in the playoffs and must be listed on the team roster.
- Matches will be played on the four Wednesdays following the last week of regular season; time of matches will start at 4:30 PM. The playoff matches may be played any time prior to their

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schedule time by mutual agreement between the two playoff teams. Teams not completing playoff matches on time will be disqualified. The course played is to be decided by the Nemadji Staff or by mutual agreement. If no agreement can be made, flip a coin.

Payouts:

League captains will majority vote to determine which team placements will be provided gift certificates at Nemadji Golf Course prior to league play (e.g. Regular Season 1st, 2nd, 3rd gift card payout or just Playoffs). There are various combinations of gift card payouts for consideration. Other considerations that may be voted by league captains will be to host end of league meal for our members (e.g. 2 people per team x 30 teams @ \$10 per plate = \$600 food)

Questions, Disputes, Rulings:

The league commissioner is an agent of the NMGC board and rules on all grievances. Any disputes require both party participation for a ruling. Any changes to league operations will be brought forward to the league captains for majority vote.

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